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Honorable Birch Bayh, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 19 June 1978 (Q#3670) requesting a listing of books which have been and are currently being written about the Intelligence Community and what actions have been taken with respect to those publications.

A CIA Publications Review Board was organized pursuant to CIA Regulations to provide formal channels through which current and former Agency employees submit manuscripts for prepublication review for classified information. Please note that a vast majority abide by their secrecy agreements and submit their manuscripts through normal channels. Judicial enforcement of the employees' obligation under this secrecy agreement is the only method by which CIA can ensure that manuscripts are submitted for prepublication review. You will also note that the enclosed lists are limited to present and former employee-authors, and that they do not include books written by "outsiders," since there is no action or power of review that the Agency can or would want to take with regard to "outsiders."

The Central Intelligence Agency finds out about "would be" authors from press reports, rumors, and occasional tips from anonymous sources or FBI reports. CIA statutorily cannot and therefore will not investigate these reports. When we do hear about a manuscript being written, the CIA's Office of General Counsel contacts the former employee and reminds him of his obligation under the secrecy agreement.

Enclosed is a listing of books, their authors, and actions being taken in regard to those books. As you may know, the enclosed lists were part of a discovery request made by defense attorneys in the case of United States vs Snepp. The Government successfully resisted the request. Accordingly, I would greatly appreciate your restricting the use of these lists to your Committee and Committee staff. I am hopeful that you will find this enclosure useful.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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